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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please add the following "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" section text to the specification immediately after the title of the specification:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application Serial Number: 60/274,261, entitled "Legacy-Compatible Forward Error Correction in Telecommunications Networks," filed on March 8, 2001 and incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment adds the claim to the benefit of the provisional application that appears in the substitute declaration mailed to the Office on June 7, 2002. A copy of the substitute declaration is attached.

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